

## § 718.207

### **§ 718.207 Determining allotments, quotas, and bases when reconstitution is made by combination.**

When two or more farms or tracts are combined for a year, that year's allotments, quotas, and bases, with respect to the combined farm or tract, as required by applicable commodity regulations, shall not be greater than the sum of the allotments, quotas, and bases for each of the farms or tracts comprising the combination, subject to the provisions of § 718.204.

### **Subpart D—Equitable Relief From Ineligibility**

SOURCE: 67 FR 66307, Oct. 31, 2002, unless otherwise noted.

#### **§ 718.301 Applicability.**

(a) This subpart is applicable to programs administered by the Farm Service Agency under chapters VII and XIV of this title, except for an agricultural credit program carried out under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 *et seq.*). Administration of this subpart shall be under the supervision of the Deputy Administrator, except that such authority shall not limit the exercise of authority allowed State Executive Directors of the Farm Service agency as provided for in § 718.307.

(b) Sections 718.303, 718.304, and 718.307 do not apply where the action for which relief is requested occurred before May 13, 2002. In such cases, authority that was effective prior to May 13, 2002, may be applied.

(c) Section 718.306 does not apply to a function performed under either section 376 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 *et seq.*), or a conservation program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

#### **§ 718.302 Definitions and abbreviations.**

In addition to the definitions provided in § 718.2 of this part, the following terms apply to this subpart:

*Agricultural commodity* means any agricultural commodity, food, feed, fiber,

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or livestock that is subject to a covered program.

*Covered program* means a program specified in § 718.301 of this subpart.

*FSA* means the Farm Service Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture.

*OGC* means the Office of the General Counsel of the United States Department of Agriculture.

*SED* means, for activities within a particular state, the State Executive Director of the United States Department of Agriculture, FSA, for that state.

#### **§ 718.303 Reliance on incorrect actions or information.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, action or inaction by a participant in a covered program that is to the detriment of the participant, and that is based upon good faith reliance on the action or advice of an authorized representative of a County or State FSA Committee, may be approved by the Administrator, FSA or the Executive Vice President, CCC, as applicable, or their designee, as meeting the requirements of the program, and benefits may be extended or payments made in accordance with § 718.305.

(b) This section applies only to a participant who relied upon the action of, or information provided by, a county or State FSA committee or an authorized representative of such committee and the participant acted, or failed to act, as a result of the Agency action or information. This part does not apply to cases where the participant had sufficient reason to know that the action or information upon which they relied was improper or erroneous or where the participant acted in reliance on their own misunderstanding or misinterpretation of program provisions, notices or information.

#### **§ 718.304 Failure to fully comply.**

(a) Under a covered program, when the failure of a participant to fully comply with the terms and conditions of a program authorized by this chapter precludes the providing of payments or benefits, relief may be authorized in accordance with § 718.305 if